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PATENT APPLICATION

**RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR §1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
TECHNOLOGY CENTER ART UNIT 1734**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Alain BETHUNE

Group Art Unit: 1734

Application No.: 09/688,961

Examiner: J. Lorengo

Filed: October 17, 2000

Docket No.: 107615

For: METHOD OF HOT MARKING, AND A MULTILAYER STRUCTURE FOR
IMPLEMENTING SUCH A METHOD

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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION UNDER 37 CFR §1.116

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In reply to the January 5, 2004 Office Action, please consider the following:

Amendments to the Claims as reflected in the listing of claims; and

Remarks.

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Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application.

- Entitlement to small entity status is hereby asserted.
- Small entity status of this application has been established.

The filing fee has been calculated as shown below:

	(Column 1)	(Column 2)	(Column 3)
	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA
TOTAL CLAIMS	*53 MINUS	**42	=11
INDEP CLAIMS	*10 MINUS	***4	=6
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEP. CLAIM			

SMALL ENTITY	
RATE	ADD'L FEE
x 9	\$
x 43	\$
+145	\$
	\$

OTHER THAN A SMALL ENTITY	
RATE	ADD'L FEE
x 18	\$198
x 86	\$516
+290	\$
	\$714

- * If the entry in Column 1 is less than the entry in Column 2, write "0" in Column 3.
 - ** If the "Highest Number Previously Paid For" IN THIS SPACE is less than 20, write "20" in this space.
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- The "Highest Number Previously Paid For" in this space (Total or Independent) is the highest number found from the equivalent box in Column 1 of a prior Amendment or the number of claims originally filed.
- Check No. 154735 in the amount of \$714 is attached. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any other fees that may be required to complete this filing, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 15-0461. Two duplicate copies of this sheet are attached.

Respectfully submitted,

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Date: June 4, 2004